

TO THE

Hartley Wintney Rural District Council.

Annual Report

By the Medical Officer of Health, for the Year ending 31st December, 1904.

Estimated Population of District, 18,938.

HARTLEY WINTNEY,

February, 1905.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to submit my third Annual Report of the health of the district and other allied matters during the past year.

The death rate is just under 13 per 1000 of the Estimated Population. The birth rate is 22.2 of births registered. The infantile mortality is 40.6 per births registered. As compared with 1903, there is an increase in the death rate (which still remains low) of just over 1 per 1000, with a decrease of 2 per 1000 in the birth rate. The infantile mortality has decreased by more than one half. 92 cases of notifiable Infectious diseases were reported, being an increase of 30 over the previous year. This is to be accounted for by a slight epidemic of scarlet fever at Eversley (14 cases) including 3 in the house of the Schoolmaster of the County School, also a more pronounced epidemic at Crondall. In both instances it became necessary for me to recommend the District Council to close the Schools. The cause of the Eversley outbreak was not distinctly proved, but in all likelihood it was introduced by a teacher at Eversley School, who came and brought books from Finchampstead School, where scarlet fever previously existed for some time. With reference to Crondall, scarlet fever existed in the neighbouring parishes and the aggregation of hoppers in this parish from the immediately surrounding districts, probably caused the outbreak, which resulted in 2 deaths out of 29 cases notified. In these, as in all other cases, efficient disinfection was carried out without any recurrence of the disease.

In March, 4 cases of diphtheria, and 1 of scarlet fever, were reported from the Station House at Hook. The sanitary condition of the place was very bad as already reported. The house and its surroundings were thoroughly overhauled, and all directions given were loyally carried out by the L. & S.W. Railway Company.

I am glad to say no case of Infectious disease has been notified from Crondall District School during the past year.

A characteristic of the year has been the fineness of the Autumn, with a small rainfall and an absence of wind, as compared with much rain and gales during the closing months of 1903, but without in any way affecting the public health and death rate in the district. Total rainfall in Hartley Wintney in 1903—38.95; in 1904—23.88. The last quarter of 1903—11.3, the last quarter of 1904—5.54.

The Water supply of Hartley Wintney requires improvements in the direction of a more regular and constant supply to the consumer, more especially in those parts most remote from the source. This water also contains a considerable amount of sediment. The water supply to Odiham, North Warnborough and Hook has been greatly improved by the introduction of water from the Frimley Water Company. The water supply in many parts of the district is from wells and dip wells.

The Housing accommodation for the working classes is yearly improving. A large number of new cottages having been built since my accession to office in January, 1902.

I desire to draw attention to the fact that all purveyors of milk are not registered. I consider all who supply milk should be registered according to the Act, Sect. 6., and that the Council should take the necessary steps to enforce the Section.

Infectious cases are dealt with by the Watcher-Messenger System.

Slaughter houses, dairies, and cowsheds were visited, as also bakehouses, laundries and workshops, in compliance with the Factory and Workshop's Act.

Nine samples of well water were examined.

Since April, the Local Authority has ceased to have jurisdiction over Fleet, which has been created a separate Urban District.

A case of anthrax in cattle occurred at North Warnborough.

The district has been systematically inspected, and the health of the same at the end of the year is quite satisfactory.

Appended are the Reports of the Sanitary Inspectors with Schedule of work done.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

H. MATURIN.

FLEET R.S.O.,

10th January, 1905.

H. MATURIN, Esq.,

Medical Officer of Health,

HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to hand you an account of the work done during the year 1904 in the various parishes for which I am Inspector of Nuisances.

					No.
CESSPOOLS.	New Cesspools built on old premises	..	..	..	10
	Filthy ditto cleansed	..	..	..	15
DRAINS.	Sink drains cleansed and repaired	..	..	..	13
DITCHES.	Foul ditches cleansed	..	..	..	21
DAIRIES & COW STALLS.	Dairies and Cow Stalls inspected	..	..	..	51
HOUSES.	New Houses built with water supply	..	..	..	53
	Ditto in Fleet, before 31st March	..	..	..	5
	Filthy Houses cleansed	..	..	..	39
INFECTIOUS CASES.	Infectious cases attended to	..	..	..	40
	Houses disinfected after the above	..	..	..	34
NEW BUILDINGS.	New Buildings for which plans have been passed	..	..	..	21
	„ „ „ „ in Fleet before 31st March	..	..	..	22
ORDINARY NUISANCES.	Dung Heaps, Switch Holes, &c., removed	..	..	..	32
OVER-CROWDING.	Over-crowding abated	..	..	..	1
PRIVIES.	New Privies built	..	..	..	11
	Privies repaired	..	..	..	7
	Privies cleansed	..	..	..	27
PIGSTIES.	Pigsties cleansed and removed	..	..	..	20
WELLS.	Old Wells cleansed	..	..	..	10
	New dug	..	..	..	11
TENTS, VANS, &C.	Gipsies' Tents, Vans, &c., notice given and attended to	..	..	..	8

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

J. R. SISTERSON.

DEAR SIR,

TWELVE MONTHLY REPORT, 1904.

I beg to hand you herewith an account of the Sanitary work done in the parishes of this District for which I am Inspector of Nuisances.

The sewer in King Street, Odiham, has been extended to the top of Cemetery Hill.

The Water Company have laid their mains from Itchel Mill through Odiham to Hook, various branches are now being laid such as King Street, The Bury, Church Street, the London Road, to the Canal Bridge, in Odiham; in North Warnboro', as far as Hockley's Farm. Many connections have, and are being made.

The Thames Conservators Inspectors have taken samples of the Odiham sewage effluent, when one was found—and have made no complaint. Broad irrigation over Messrs. Thomas' and Parsons' land is the system employed; connections to the sewers are increasing.

I beg to append a summary of the work done:—

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES—								No.
Complaints received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Houses and Premises inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	665
Houses and Premises revisited	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	458
Notices issued "Statutory"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67
Summons taken out	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS—								
Number of visits made to	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
„ of Notices issued to limewash	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
„ of Applications to be registered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
A case of Anthrax was reported in the District.								
DRAINS—								
Constructed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Ventilated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Unstopped or cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Disconnecting Traps fixed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Old Drains abolished	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Gulley Traps fixed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Defective Surface Traps abolished	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Man Holes Inspection Chambers Built	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—								
Number of visits made	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
„ „ Notices issued re defects	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Over-crowding abated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sanitary defects put in order in Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION—								
Infectious cases reported	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Houses in which Infectious Disease occurred	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Visits made to Infectious cases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	numerous
Houses disinfected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rooms disinfected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Articles of Bedding, Clothing, &c., destroyed at premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	lots 4
Articles of Bedding, Clothing, &c., sent to Aldershot for steam disinfection	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	lots 3
SINKS, WASTE PIPES, &c.—								
Disconnected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Trapped	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Fixed, repaired, or unstopped	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11

SOIL PIPES—									No.
Ventilated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Abolished	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
WATER CLOSETS, MIDDENS, &C.—									
Constructed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Water Supply provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Repaired ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Abolished	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cleansed ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Traps ventilated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
W.C. apparatus fixed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Flushing apparatus fixed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Middens converted into W.C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midden pits cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81
Middens converted into pail closets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Middens constructed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Middens repaired ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
WATER SUPPLY—									
New Wells sunk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Old Wells cleaned out	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Old Wells repaired or recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Old Wells closed unfit for use	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Certificates issued ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Refused ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Water Supply provided—Company's	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Samples analysed ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
SCHOOLS INSPECTED—									
Number inspected ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
„ found clean	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
„ „ not clean	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
„ disinfected	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
„ over-crowded	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
„ with insanitary offices, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
SLAUGHTER HOUSES—									
Visits to Slaughter Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
COMMON LODGING HOUSES—									
Inspected and limewashed ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
MISCELLANEOUS—									
Over-crowding abated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
House Roofs repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Spouting, guttering repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Light and Ventilation of Buildings improved	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Floors and Staircases repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Premises cleansed, limewashed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Offensive accumulations removed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
Keeping of animals discontinued	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Urinals cleansed ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Gipsy Camps moved	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ash Pits cleansed ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

I beg to remain, dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

STANLEY BUTLER,

Assoc. San. Inst. Inspector.

DR. MATURIN, M.O.H.